

The Opportunity Gap: A Critical Conversation

Put your faith into action. Join us at Valley Community Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. We shall explore what we can do to help close the achievement/opportunity gap between students of privilege and students of color.

The Rev. Dr. Alike Galloway will speak on why we, as Christians, should care about the opportunity gap. Alike is the co-pastor at Liberty Community Church (formerly Kwanzaa Church) and a visionary. She says, "Loving a child is not rocket science. Loving children is what we do at Liberty." Alike is a much sought-after speaker and theologian who is passionate about God's love and justice.

Youth from the 21st Century Academy will share their ideas about this powerful after-school and summer program. One young man who graduated from the Academy says, "I don't know where I'd be today without the 21st Century Academy."

Rev. Sarah Bigwood will describe an amazing program that works. Sarah is the Associate Pastor at Valley Church and the designer of this program developed to bring middle school students up to grade level in math.

Dr. Ross Roholt will speak on what we must and can do to close the gap. Dr. Roholt was the first to use the term, "opportunity gap". Professor Roholt is a youth specialist in the School of Social Work, University of Minnesota.

This event is sponsored by the Liberty Church Ministry of the Presbytery Mission and Witness Committee.

There is no charge for the event, but please register with Karen Kennerly at kkennerly@gmail.com

Valley Community Church is located at
3100 Lilac Dr. N., Golden Valley.